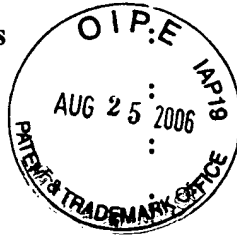


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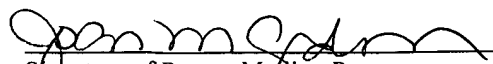
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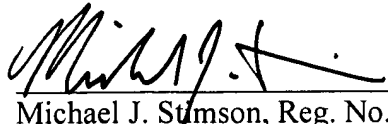
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To expedite allowance of this case, the Examiner is earnestly invited to call the undersigned at (949) 721-6900.

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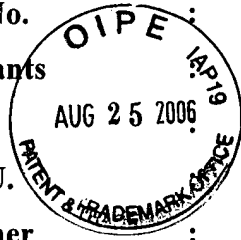


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In response to the final Office action mailed June 19, 2006, having a shortened-statutory response period, extending through and including August 19, 2006, kindly consider and enter the following remarks. **All remarks herein are made without prejudice.**

Please note that because August 19, 2006 was a Saturday, this response is being filed within two months of the mailing date of the final office action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.7(a).

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